



## Irena Lipska Axelson

September 20, 1942 - September 24, 2022

Axelson (Lipska), Irena age 80, of Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sept. 24, 2022. She was born to Stanislaw and Teofila Lipska Sept. 20, 1942, in a war camp in Siberia. After the war, they returned to their home in Lodz, Poland, then migrated to Brazil when Irena was a teenager. Irena met Richard Axelson, her future husband, in Brazil while Richard was teaching in the Peace Corps. They were married in Minnesota in 1969. They raised three children in St. Anthony, MN. Irena worked at Apache Jewelers leading to a 20 year, award-winning fine jewelry career with Dayton's/Macy's. Irena brought much light and love into the world. She survived more hardships than most and found goodness where she could in the world - mostly with her family, her friends, music, sports and travel. Irena is survived by her three children, Janio Axelson, Davi Axelson (Bridget) and Nina Axelson (Don). Her precious light lives on in her three grandchildren that she loved dearly, Rayna, Calum, and Emma. She is also survived by her sisters, Eleonora Abramovich (Reuven) and Wanda Lipska, her brother-in-law, Fred Woodberry and her beloved nieces and nephews and their families. Irena was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard Axelson, her sister-in-law Jeanne Woodberry, and her dear sister, Hermina Glass. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Sholom Home or the MN Jewish Community Center. Funeral service Friday, 10/28, 1:30 pm, with gathering beginning 12:30 pm, at: Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 19th Ave. N.E., Mpls



# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **28**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Memorial Service

OCT **28**. 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My husband and I were regular customers of Irena. We always hoped she would be at the jewelry counter, because she took the time to chat and assisted us in finding special items that we both treasured. She was a bright light. My deepest condolences to her family.*

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**Susan Gutbrod** - October 23, 2022 at 08:37 AM